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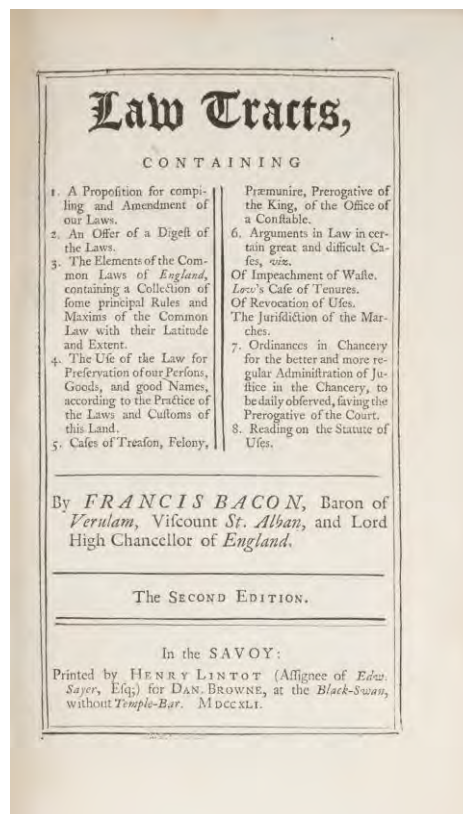
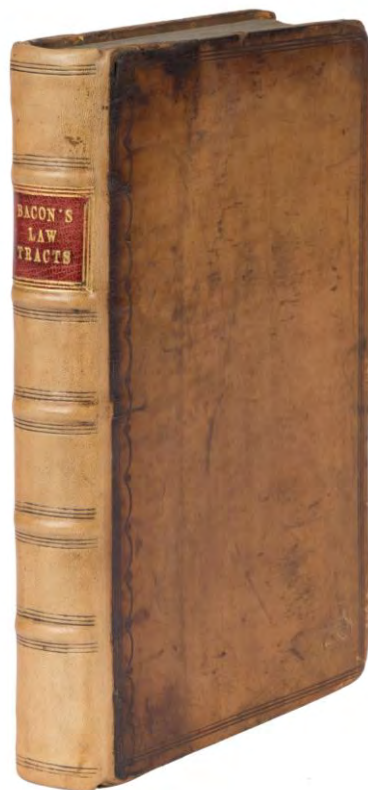
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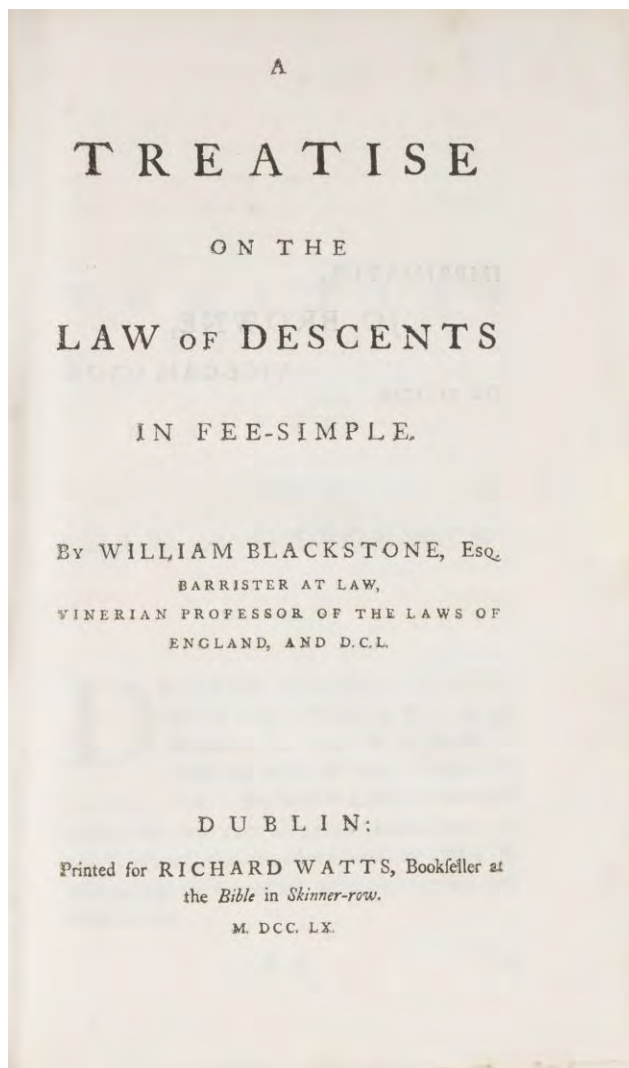
"A More Complete Lawyer Than Any of His Contemporaries"

1. Bacon, Sir Francis [1561-1626].

Law Tracts, Containing 1. *A Proposition for Compiling and Amendment of Our Laws.* 2. *An Offer of a Digest of the Laws.* 3. *The Elements of the Common Laws of England, Containing a Collection of Some Principal Rules and Maxims of the Common Law, With their Latitude and Extent.* 4. *The Use of the Law for Preservation of our Persons, Goods and Good Names, According to the Practice of the Laws and Customs of this Land.* 5. *Cases of Treason, Felony, Praemunire, Prerogative of the King, Of the Office of a Constable.* 6. *Arguments in Law in Certain Great and Difficult Cases, Viz. Of Impeachment of Waste. Low's Case of Tenures. Of Revocation of Uses. The Jurisdiction of the Marches.* 7. *Ordinances in Chancery for the Better and More Regular Administration of Justice in the Chancery, To be Daily Observed, Saving the Prerogative of the Court.* 8. *Reading on the Statute of Uses.* [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot (Assignee of Edw. Sawyer, Esq;), 1741. [ii], 356, [16] pp. Publisher advertisement on verso of half-title. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, lettering piece, raised bands and blind fillets to spine, gilt fillets to board edges, hinges mended. Light rubbing and a few minor scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and somewhat worn. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, light soiling and minor tears to margins of a few leaves, offsetting to margins of endleaves. \$750.

* Second and final edition, a reissue of the first edition, 1737, with a reset title page and half-title. This book is notable as the only collected edition of Bacon's legal works and the only work that includes the essays listed as Tracts 1, 2 and 6. Bacon, one of the great intellectuals of the age, held the posts of solicitor general, attorney general and lord chancellor during the reign of James I. "He was a more complete lawyer than any of his contemporaries. Not only was he an eminent practitioner in the common law; not only did he leave his mark as lord chancellor upon the development of equity; he also studied both English law and law in general scientifically and critically. The only other lawyer, in that age of distinguished lawyers, who can be compared to him is his great rival Coke." Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:239. *English Short-Title Catalogue* N10424. [Order This Item](#)



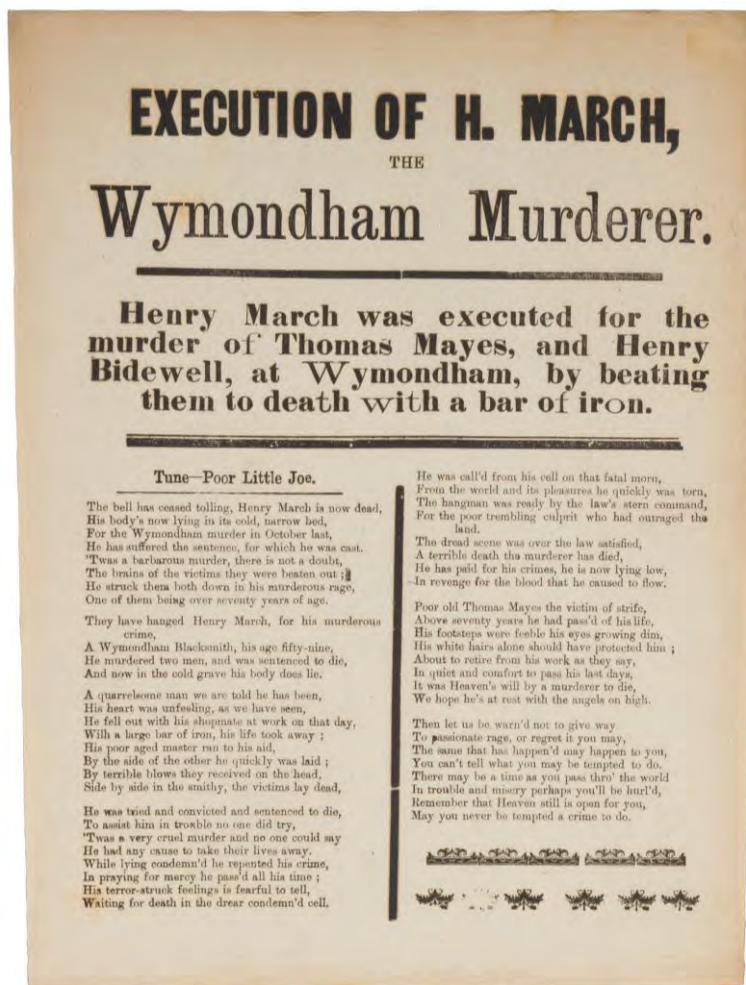
Dublin Printing of Blackstone's Treatise on Descents

2. Blackstone, Sir William [1723-1780].

A Treatise on the Law of Descents in Fee-Simple. Dublin: Printed for Richard Watts, 1760. 87, [1] pp. Publisher advertisement facing title page. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary calf, rebaked in period style, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, hinges mended. Minor nicks, scratches and inkspots to boards, tiny wormtrack to foot of front board, light rubbing to board edges, corners bumped and moderately worn, later armorial bookplate to front pastedown, "6:6" in tiny hand to upper right-hand corner of front free endpaper. Light toning to text, negligible light foxing to a few leaves. A handsome copy. \$1,250.

* Dublin reprint of the first edition, Oxford, 1759. Originally published as a learning aid for his students, and later included in *Law Tracts* (first edition, 1762), this brief treatise on "the rules by which landed property was transferred, whether by direct inheritance or by one remove by purchase" (6), formed the basis, almost word for word, of Chapters 14 and 15 of the *Commentaries of the Laws of England*, Book II (1766). An excerpt from this essay in James Parker's *Conductor Generalis* (1764) was the first work by Blackstone published in America. Eller, *The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library* 245. Laeuchli, *A Bibliographical Catalog of William Blackstone* 567. [Order This Item](#)



"The Bell Has Ceased Tolling"

3. [Broadside].

[Execution].

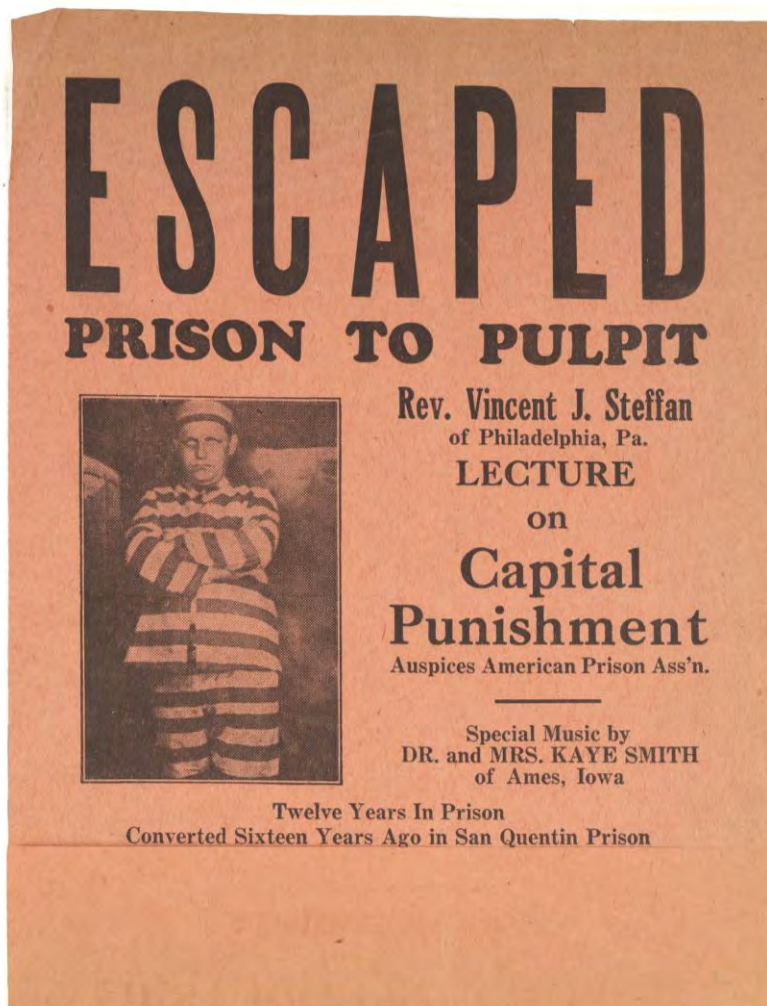
March, Henry [1827-1877].

Execution of H. March, The Wymondham Murderer. Henry March was Executed for the Murder of Thomas Mayes, And Henry Bidwell, At Wymondham, By Beating Them to Death with a Bar of Iron. [Wymondham, Norfolk, England?]: S.n., [1877].

10" x 7-1/2" broadside mounted on 10-1/2" x 8" thick-paper sheet, seven-stanza verse text in two columns below headline, columns and headline separated by rules, typographical ornaments at end of verses. Light browning, light edgewear to broadside, a minor tear and a small chip near its upper-right corner. \$950.

* Marsh and Bidwell worked at a forge owned by Mays. When Mays announced he was retiring and selling the forge, both men learned they were going to lose their jobs. Marsh, an employee for 37 years, was particularly upset. While out on an errand Mays went to a pub. He returned to work drunk and got into an argument with Bidwell. Enraged, he beat him to death with a heavy iron bar. A servant saw the attack and notified Mays. When he entered the forge, Marsh killed him with the same iron bar. No copies listed on Library Hub. First line of the verses: "The bell has ceased tolling, Henry March is now dead. His body's now lying in its cold, narrow bed." OCLC locates 1 copy (Washington State University).

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**A Former Convict Who Became a
Minister Lectures on Capital Punishment**

4. [Broadside].

Steffan, Vincent J.

Escaped. Prison to Pulpit, Rev. Vincent J. Steffan of Philadelphia, Pa. Lecture on Capital Punishment.... Thursday Eve., 7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church. Ames, Iowa. Admission Free. N.p: S.n., c. 1925.

9" x 6" broadside mounted on 8" x 6-1/2" sheet, bottom inch folded, text below headline, along with an image of Steffan in striped prison garb. Negligible light shelfwear and soiling, faint horizontal fold line to center, short tear along bottom fold. A well-preserved item. \$500.

* Steffan served two prison terms in California for burglary, the first in Folsom, the second in San Quentin. While in San Quentin he had a religious awakening. He offered religious counsel to fellow prisoners and began to study for the ministry. These events led to his parole in 1919 and a pardon in 1925. After completing the terms of his parole, he moved to Philadelphia and became a Presbyterian minister. The Pennsylvania Synod elected him the state's prison chaplain at large. Steffan divided his time between his prison ministry and the lecture circuit. State of California, *Message of the Governor Regarding Acts of Executive Clemency* 12. [Order This Item](#)



Unrecorded Account of a Brazen Case of Maritime Insurance Fraud

5. [Broadside].

[Trial].

M'Dougall, James, Defendant.

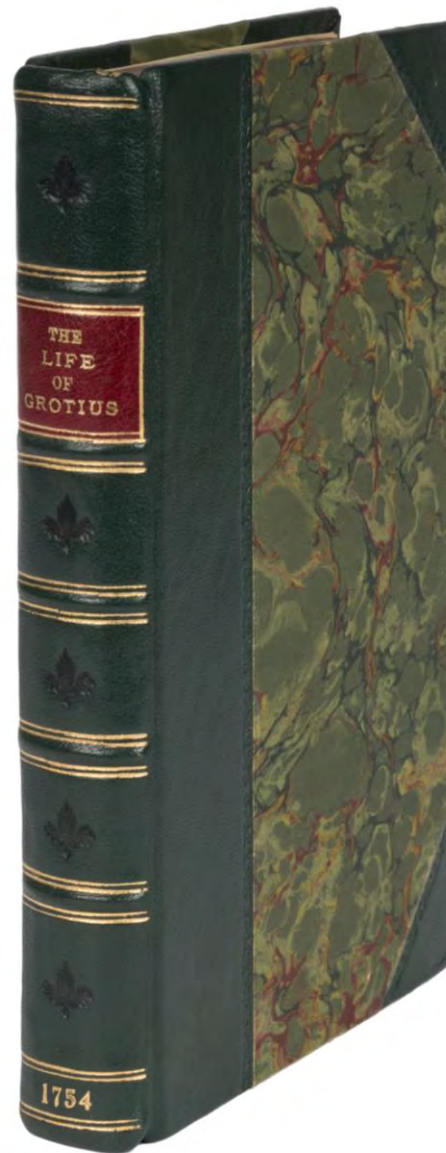
Menzies, James, Defendant.

M'Lachlan, Archibald, Defendant.

Trial & Sentence of John M'Dougall, J. Menzies and Archibald M'Lachlan, Who Were tried Before the High Court of Admiralty, At Edinburgh, for Feloniously Plundering Two Vessels of Their Cargoes, To the Value of Several Thousand Pounds, And Afterwards Sinking them at Sea. Edinburgh: Printed by John Muir, May 9, 1821.

11" x 7" broadside, main text in two columns below headline. Light browning, soiling and foxing, edges trimmed with minor loss to headline, recent repair to top-edge. \$750.

* Only edition. The well-insured ships owned by M'Dougall and Menzies, sometimes in association with M'Lachlan, had a suspicious tendency to founder. This was not a problem for the firm. Indeed, insurance payments enabled them to prosper. The present case involved two of their ships: the *Friends of Glasgow*, with a cargo of coffee for Hamburg, and the *Mary*, with a cargo of calico cloth for Trinidad. Providentially, and just like previous scuttlings, the captains and crews were saved. Menzies was never located. M'Dougall and M'Lachlan were convicted of insurance fraud and sentenced to transportation to Botany Bay, M'Dougall for life, M'Lachlan for 14 years. MacKenzie, *Old Reminiscences of Glasgow and the West of Scotland* 520-552. [Order This Item](#)



The First Book-Length Biography of Grotius

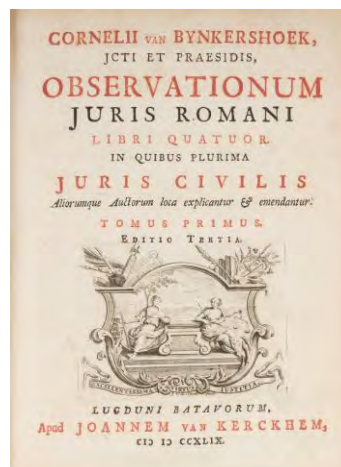
6. Burigny, M. de (Jean Lévesque).

The Life of the Truly Eminent and Learned Hugo Grotius, Containing a Copious and Circumstantial History of the Several Important and Honourable Negotiations in Which he Was Employed; Together with a Critical Account of his Works. Written Originally in French. London: Printed for A. Millar, 1754. v, [7], 368, [20] pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, blind fillets to boards to edges of calf panels, blind ornaments, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, offsetting to margins of preliminaries and final leaves. An attractive copy. \$850.

* Only edition. Published in Amsterdam in 1754, Burigny's *Vie de Grotius* was the first book-length biography of the great Dutch jurist. Highly regarded when it was first published, it is still consulted today. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T113562.

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"Undoubtedly a Man of Rare Intellectual Attainments"

7. Bynkershoek, Cornelius van [1673-1743].

Observationum Juris Romani Libri Quatuor. In Quibus Plurima Juris Civilis Aliorumque Auctorum Loca Explicantur & Emendantur. Leiden: Apud Joannem Van Kerckhem, 1749. [xxxvi], 446, [30] pp.

[With]

Bynkershoek, Cornelius van.

Observationum Juris Romani Libri Quatuor, Quatuor Prioribus Additi, Nempe V. VI. VII. & VIII. In Quibus Plurima Juris Civilis Aliorumque Auctorum Loca Explicantur & Emendantur. Leiden: Apud Joannem van Kerckhem, 1750.

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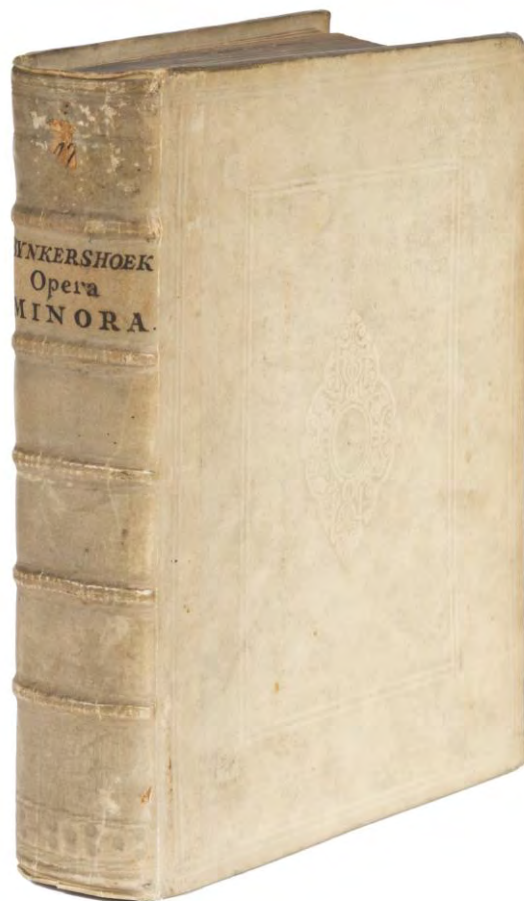
Bynkershoek, Cornelius van.

[Noodt, Gerard (1647-1725)].

Opuscula Varii Argumenti his Inscriptionibus: I. Praetermissa ad L. 2. D. de Orig. Juris; II. De Rebus Mancipi et nec Mancipi; III. De Jure Occidendi, Vendendi, Et Exponendi Liberos Apud Veteres Romanos; IV. De Cultu Religionis Peregrinae apud Veteres Romanos; V. De Captatoris Institutionibus; VI. De Legatis Poenae Nomine. Leiden: Apud Joannem Van Kerckhem, 1749. [xvi], 408, [28]; [viii], 99 pp. Two parts, each with title page and individual pagination. Second part titled: *Curae Secundae de Jure Occidendi et Exponendi Liberos apud Veteres Romanos ad Virum Clarissimum Gerardum Noodt.*

Together three volumes (designated "Tomus Primus," "Tomus Secundus" and "Tomus Tertius"). Quarto (7-3/4" x 6"). Contemporary paneled vellum, corner fleurons and large central arabesques to boards, raised bands, blind ornaments and early hand-lettered title to spines. Light soiling, boards slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends and corners bumped, later signatures to endleaves. Title pages, with large copperplate vignette, printed in red and black. Moderate toning, light browning and foxing in a few places, light soiling to title pages. \$1,250.

* *Observationum, Opuscula*: third edition; *Observationum...Quatuor Prioribus Additi*, second edition. Bynkershoek was of the most important jurists his time and a leading scholar of Roman-Dutch law. His works are consulted today. The *Observationum*, a summation of his studies on Roman civil and criminal law, was a standard reference in Dutch universities until the nineteenth century. The *Quatuor Prioribus Additi* is a companion volume that was first issued in 1733. First published in 1719, *Opuscula*, an essay collection on Roman law, addresses topics in maritime and international relations, the legal rights of unwanted and abandoned children, abortion and infanticide. The essays on children reflect Bynkershoek's debate on this topic with his distinguished contemporary Gerard Noodt. The essence of this exchange is summarized in *Curae Secundae de Jure Occidendi*, which was originally published as an independent work in 1723. "Bynkershoek was undoubtedly a man of rare intellectual attainments and a great force of character (.) [a] very great authority on the law of Holland and on Roman law.": Roberts, *A South-African Legal Bibliography* 69. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 15. [Order This Item](#)



With Two Important Essays on International Law

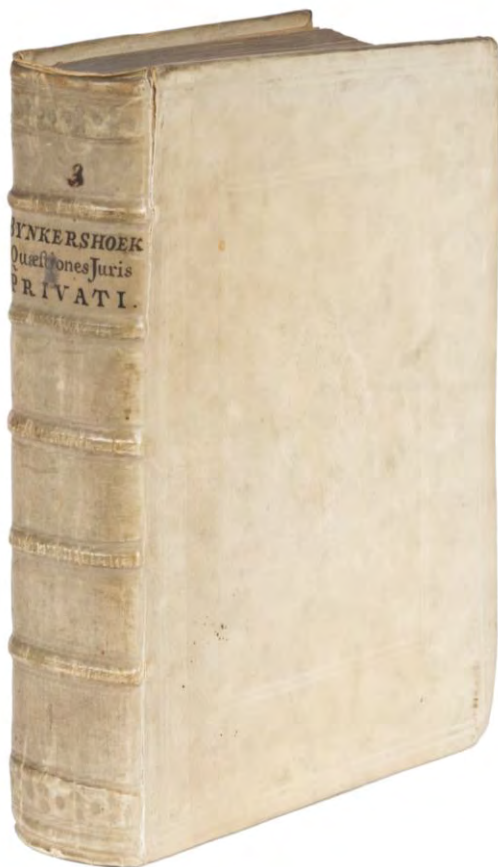
8. Bynkershoek, Cornelius van [1673-1743].

Opera Minora, Olim Separatim, Nunc Conjunctim Edita. Recensuit & Nonnulla Addidit Auctor. Indicem Operum Exhibet Pagina, Quae Generalem Praefationem Excipit. Leiden: Apud Joannem van Kerckhen, 1744. [xvi], 571, [21] pp. Quarto (8" x 6").

Contemporary paneled vellum, corner fleurons and large central arabesques to boards, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, "17" in tiny early hand to head of spine. Light soiling, boards slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends and corners bumped, illegible later signatures in tiny hand to recto and verso of front free endpaper. Title page, with large copperplate vignette, printed in red and black. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, faint dampstaining in a few places, light soiling to title page. \$500.

* Second (stated) edition, actually a reissue of the first edition, 1730. Bynkershoek was a Dutch jurist who founded the positive school of international law, which held that usage and practice were more important than deductions drawn from natural law. He was also the first to propose the "three-mile limit" rule, which states that a nation may claim sovereignty over territorial waters to a distance of three miles from shore. Respected during his lifetime, his works are still consulted today. This collection of "minor works" actually contains two of his most important essays: "Dissertation de Domino Maris (Dissertation on the Sovereignty of the Sea)" and "De Foro Legatorum, Tam in Causa Civili, Quam Criminali (On the Jurisdiction Over Ambassadors in Both Civil and Criminal Cases)." The other five essays address aspects of Roman and Dutch law. A final edition of this work was published in 1752. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 15 (15).

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Scarce Treatise on Private Law by an Important Dutch Jurist with the Uncommon Folding Portrait Plate

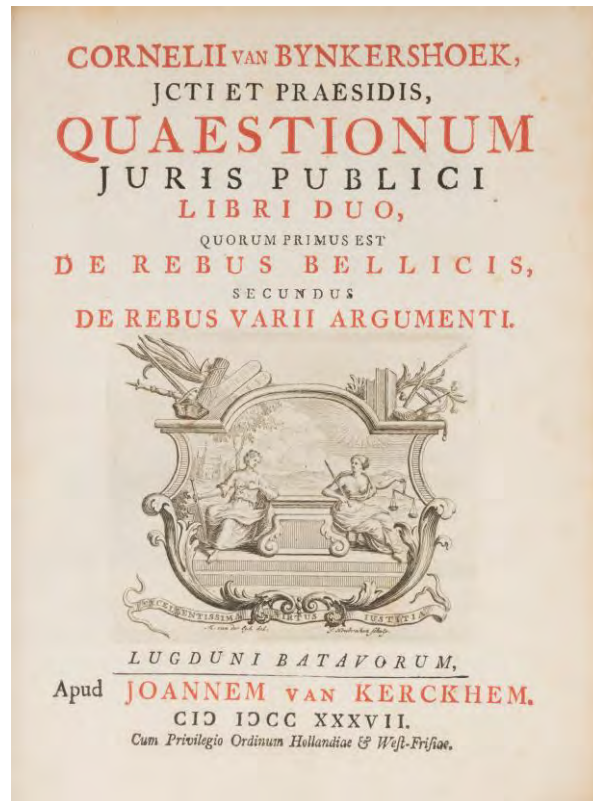
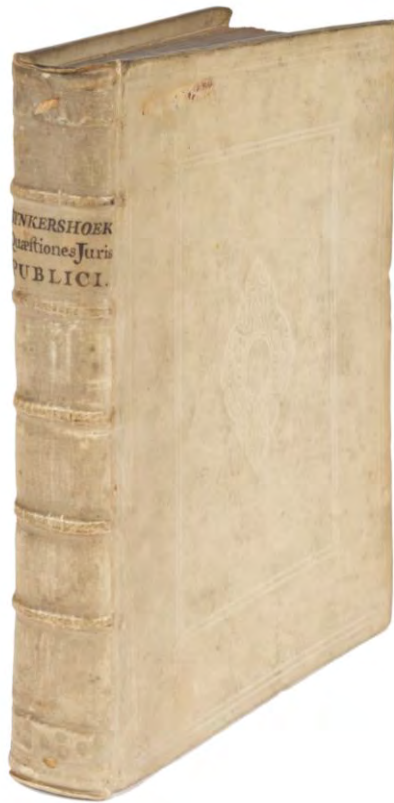
9. Bynkershoek, Cornelius van [1673-1743].

[Pauw, Willem, Editor].

Quaestionum Juris Privati Libri Quatuor: Quarum Plerisque Insertae sunt Utriusque in Hollandia Curiae Res de His Ipsis Quaestionibus Judicatae. Leiden: Apud Joannem van Kerckhem, 1744. pp. [xxviii], 744, [16] pp. Folding 17" x 10-1/2" portrait copperplate, often lacking from copies of this work, bound before p. 1 Quarto (7-3/4" x 66").

Contemporary paneled vellum, corner fleurons and large central arabesques to boards, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine, "3" in tiny early hand to head of spine. Light soiling, boards slightly bowed, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine ends bumped, front joint starting at ends, corners bumped, illegible later signatures in tiny hand to recto and verso of front free endpaper. Title page, with large copperplate vignette, printed in red and black. Light to moderate toning, faint dampstaining in a few places, light soiling to title page. \$750.

* First edition. One of the most important jurists of his time, Bynkershoek was a Dutch jurist who founded the positive school of law, which held that usage and practice were more important than deductions drawn from natural law. Respected during his lifetime, his works are still consulted today. Best known for his works on international law, he also wrote important works on other legal topics, such as the present work, which considers questions dealing with private law under the Roman and Roman-Dutch systems. Published posthumously, an edition in Dutch was published in 1747. The final edition, in Latin, appeared in 1752 as part of a collected-works edition. All are scarce. OCLC locates 6 copies of the first edition in North American law libraries (Harvard, NY Law Institute, UC-Berkeley, University of Iowa, University of Michigan, UVA). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 16. [Order This Item](#)



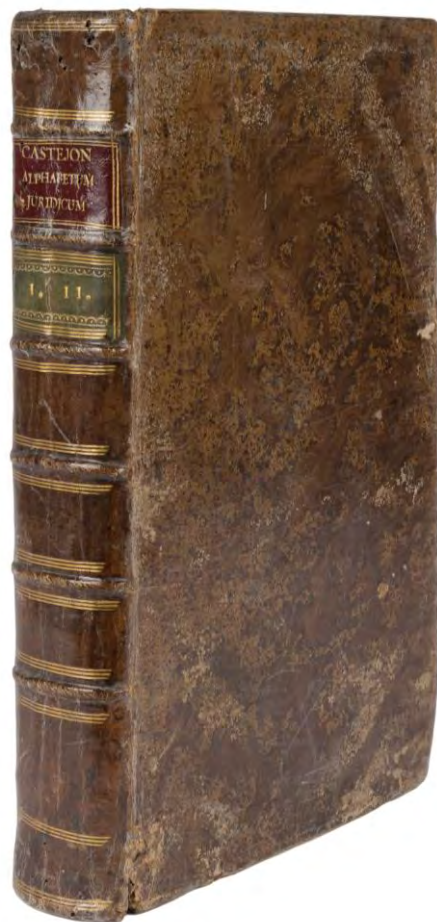
First Edition of a Classic Study of International Law and the Laws of Armed Conflict

10. Bynkershoek, Cornelius van [1673-1743].

Quaestionum Juris Publici, Libri Duo, Quorum Primus Est de Rebus Bellicis, Secundus de Rebus Varii Argumenti. Leiden: Apud J.V. Kerckhem, 1737. [xxiv], 384, [32] pp. Quarto (7-3/4" x 6").

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* One of the most important jurists and international lawyers of his time, Bynkershoek was a Dutch jurist who founded the positive school of international law, which favored principles drawn from usage and practice over theorems drawn from natural law. *Quaestionum Juris Publici* is one of his most important works on international law. The first and most important part, "De Rebus Bellicis," is one of the first modern assessments of the laws of war. Bynkershoek accepts that war encompasses violence against civilians and non-military targets. As Neff observes, he "candidly pronounced war to be an 'attempt to subjugate the enemy and all that he has by seizing all the power that the sovereign has over the state, that is to say, by exercising complete dominion over all persons and all things contained in that state. (...) [T]he whole state is placed in the legal attitude of a belligerent toward another state, so that every member of the one nation is authorized to commit hostilities against every member of the other, in every place and under every circumstance.'" Having acknowledged these facts, he goes on to condemn actions against civilians and advocates the fair treatment of prisoners of war. Beginning with Lord Mansfield, jurists and scholars have considered this to be Bynkershoek's greatest work. It was reissued in 1930 as a title in the Carnegie Classics of International Law series. Neff, *War and the Law of Nations* 204-205. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 16. [Order This Item](#)



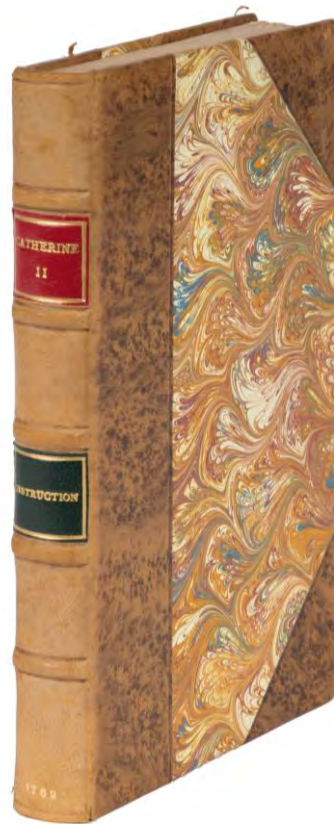
**Eighteenth-Century French Edition of a
Distinguished Seventeenth-Century Dictionary**

11. Castejon, Gil de [fl. 1677].

Alphabetum Juridicum, Canonikum, Civile, Theoricum, Practicum, Morale, Atque Politicum. Quae in hoc Opere Contineantur, Vocabulorum Elenchus Utrique Volumini Praefixus Indicat. Editio Altera Gallica, Diligentius Recognita et Emendata. Lyon: Sumptibus Anisson, & Posuel, 1720. Two volumes bound as one. [xiv], 449; [xii], 423 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Folio (13-3/4" x 8-1/2").

Nineteenth-century tree calf, gilt-edged raised bands and lettering piece to spine, marbled endpapers, edges rouged. Moderate rubbing, some worming to boards, front joint and head of spine, corners bumped, front joint cracked, rear joint starting, recent library bookplate to front pastedown. Title pages, with large woodcut printer devices, printed in red and black. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, light soiling to title page of Volume I. \$1,850.

* Later edition. Gil de Castejon, a member of the Council of the Indies and the Council of Castile, published this important dictionary in 1678. A work of great authority and a well-thumbed reference dealing with Canon, Spanish and Roman law, it went through three subsequent editions. It is a well-documented work that cites numerous authorities, including Classical authors as well as experts on canon and Spanish law. Most of the entries are subdivided into several related topics. In each case Castejon offers a brief definition followed by lists of references that offer more detailed discussion. All editions are scarce. OCLC locates 2 copies of the 1720 French edition in North American law libraries (UC-Berkeley, University of Michigan). Not in Camus. This edition not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



**Early French Translation of an
Important Document of the Enlightenment**

12. Catherine II [1762-1796], Empress of Russia.

[Balthasar, Joseph Anton Felix von, (1737-1810), Translator].

Instruction Donnée par Catherine II., Impératrice et Législatrice de Toutes les Russies, a la Commission Établie par cette Souveraine, pour Travailler à la Rédaction d'un Nouveau Code de Loix, Telle Qu'elle e été Imprimée en Russe & en Allemand, Dans l'Imprimerie Impériale de Moscov. Nouvelle Edition, Augmentée. Lausanne: Chez Francois Grasset & Comp., 1769. xiv, 160 (i.e. 204) pp. Lacking dedication leaf and copperplate portrait frontispiece. Quarto (7" x 4-3/4").

Recent period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine, marbled endpapers, untrimmed edges. Light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine. Moderate toning, light foxing in a few places. \$1,250.

* Third French-language edition. An important document of the Enlightenment, the *Nakaz*, or Instruction, composed by Catherine the Great served to guide the assembly summoned in 1766 to draft a new code of laws for the Russian Empire. Drawn primarily from Montesquieu, as well as Rousseau, Beccaria and other Enlightenment thinkers, the *Nakaz* condemned torture and capital punishment and endorsed such principles as the equality of all before the law. Published in the principal European tongues between 1767 and 1769, it proved to be a statement to the world as much as a practical legal text. Three editions in French were published in 1769, first in Moscow, then in Yverdon (with a false St. Petersburg imprint) and Lausanne. In 1769 Duc de Choiseul added the "libertine" *Nakaz* to the list of books prohibited in France. Balthasar, the translator of our edition, was a Swiss historian and member of the Enlightenment's international "Republic of Letters." His introduction, pp. iii-iv, is a notable document of the early reception of the *Nakaz* in Western Europe. Graesse, *Tresor de Livres Rares et Precieux* II:80. [Order This Item](#)



**A Rare Complete Set of an Important
Compilation of Dutch Sources, Some of them About the Americas**

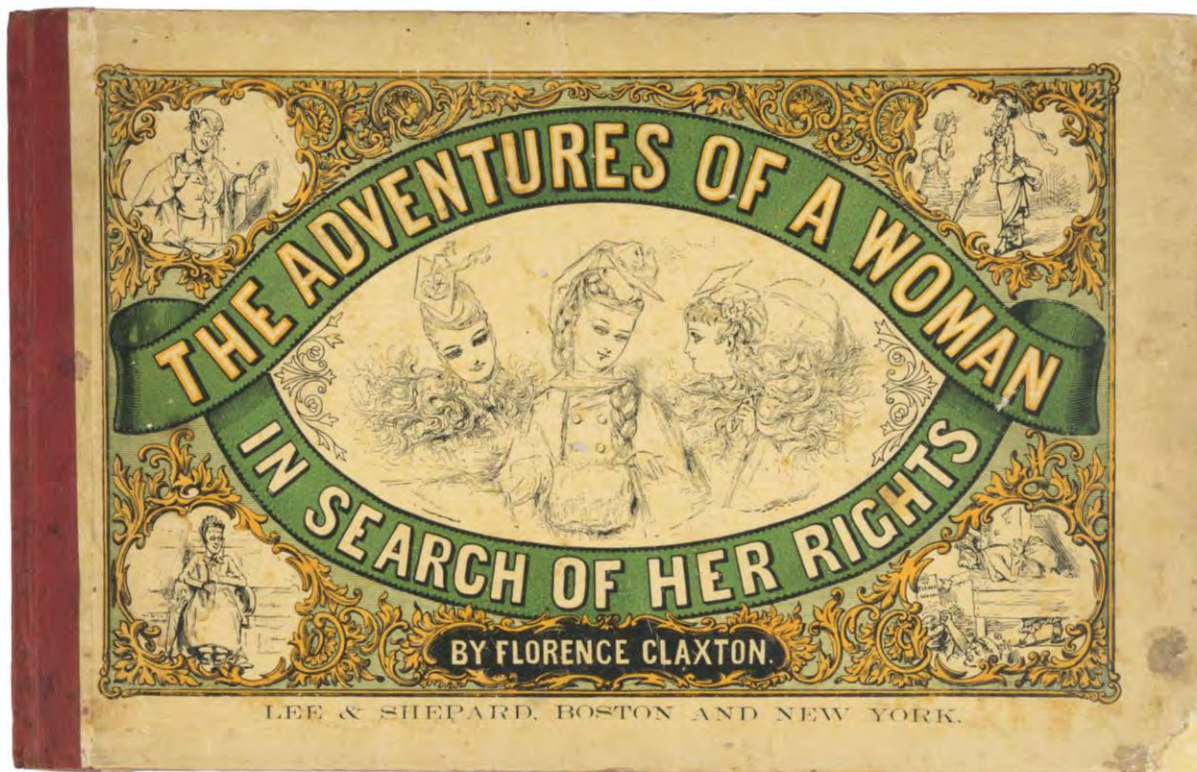
13. Cau, Cornelis [1601-1683], Primary Compiler.

Groot Placaet-Boeck, Vervattende de Placaten, Ordonnantien Ende Edicten Vande Doorluchtige, Hoogh Mog. Heeren Staten Generael der Vereenighde Nederlanden: Ende Vande Ed: Groot-Mog: Heeren Staten van Hollandt en West-Vrieslandt; Mitsgaders Vande Ed: Mog: Heeren Staten van Zeelandt. Waer by noch Ghevoeght Zijn Eenige Placaten Vande Voorgaende Graven ende Princen der Selver Landen, Voor soo Veel de Selve als noch in Gebruyck Zijn. The Hague: By de Weduwe, Ende Erfgenamen van Wylen Hillebrandt Jacobsz van Wouw [and Other Printers], 1658-1797. Main text in parallel columns. Each volume includes an engraved copperplate added pictorial title page and an alphabetical and chronological register. The final volume, a general index, has a title beginning Repertorium of Generaal Register Over de Negen Deelen van het Groot Placaetboek. 10 volumes. Complete set. Folio (15" x 9-1/4").

Contemporary paneled vellum, large central arabesques to boards, raised bands, blind fillets and early hand-lettered titles to spines, fore-edges of a few volumes have small slots for thong ties that were removed. Light soiling, corners and spine ends bumped, some worn, front joints of 5 volumes cracked or starting, moderate chipping to head of Volume IV, minor chipping to spine and foot of spine of Volume VII, front pastedown of Volume III loose with large chip to bottom edge, front free endpaper removed from Volume IX, which has a cracked front hinge. Light toning to interiors, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing in a few places, light soiling to title pages. A rare complete set. \$15,000.

* Only edition. A remarkable achievement, this is a compilation of every ordinance, treaty and other enactments of the Staten-Generaal and the states of Holland and Zeeland from 1097 to 1795. It is a valuable source of legal, political, theological and sociological information. It also provides a great deal of information about Holland's colonies. It has, for example, a complete record of the public-law documents relating to the Dutch West India Company's activities in the Americas. Cau, who is credited as the primary editor, produced first two volumes. Volume III was edited by Simon van Leeuwen [1625-1682], Volume IV by Jacob Scheltus [1640-1712], Volume V by Paul Schultus [1664-1748], Volume VI by Isaac Scheltus [1739-1799], Volumes VII and VIII by Didericus Lulius [fl. 1776-1781] and Volumes IX-X by Johan van der Linden [1756-1835]. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 28930. Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 33.

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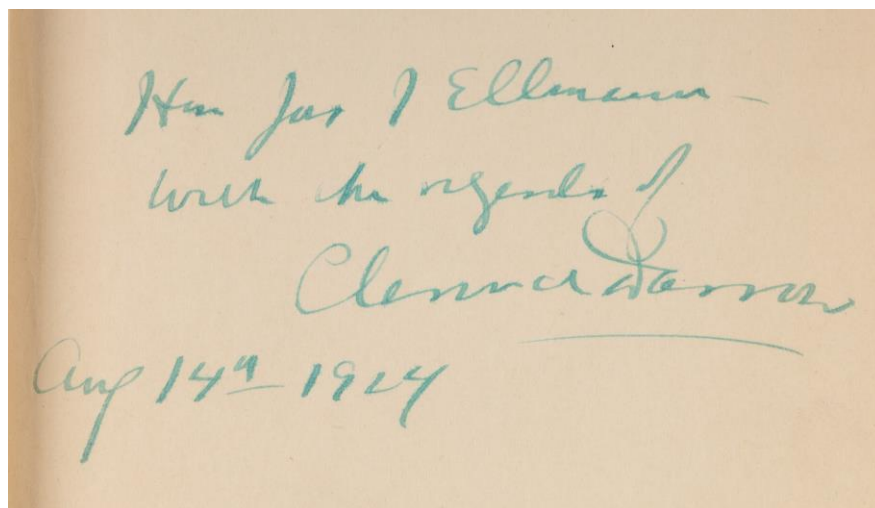
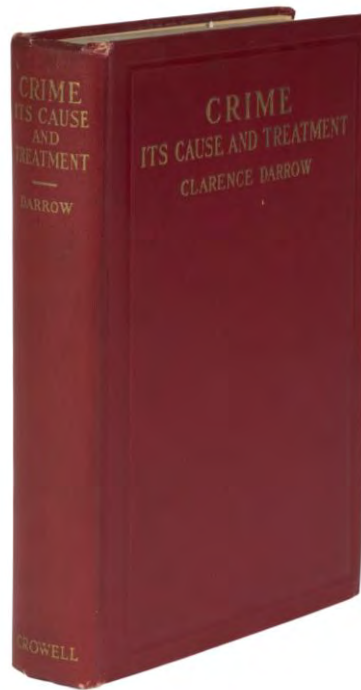
Illustrated Anti-Suffrage Tale of a Woman in "Search of Her Rights"

13. Claxton, Florence [1839-1879].

The Adventures of a Woman in Search of Her Rights: Containing Nearly One Hundred Original Drawings by the Author, Which Have Been Reproduced in Fac-Simile by the Graphotype Process of Engraving. Boston and New York: Lee & Shepard, [1871]. [1], [16] ff. Content is a series of illustrations with caption texts. Oblong octavo (8-1/2" x 13-3/8").

Stiff color pictorial boards, cloth spine, advertisements (for household products) to verso of rear board, lower corner of front board and hinges mended. Moderate soiling and a few minor stains, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to corners, small scuff to rear board. Some toning, light soiling and smudges to margins of texts, margins of four leaves have minor tears and a few chips, most of them mended. "Dedicated most respectfully to Miss Ada Harding Ringer-" to head of title page, "1874" at foot, "e.g. Miss Ada Harding Ringer" below image of an eighteen-year-old girl on first leaf of text. \$2,500.

* Later edition. Trained by her father, the painter Marshall Claxton, Florence Claxton enjoyed a successful career as a book and magazine illustrator. First published in London the 1860s (in an undated edition), *The Adventures of a Woman in Search of Her Rights*, a satirical view of the role of women, was Florence's last book. The protagonist pursues a traditional male education at Oxford centered on the writings of John Stuart Mill, which destroys her looks. No longer attractive, she must make her way as a lawyer, then a politician, artist, and finally a doctor. Failing at all four professions, she moves to the United States and marries the polygamous leader of the Latter Day Saints, Brigham Young. The last two illustrations are of a letter to "Mrs. Brigham Young," and an attractive young woman rising from her slumber, who says: "Thank goodness it's only a midsummer night's dream and I'm not emancipated." We have not been able to determine the identity of Ada Harding Ringer. The presentation inscription appears to be humorous. It is unlikely that the London-based Claxton would present someone with a later foreign edition of her work. OCLC locates copies in 2 North American law libraries (Emory, University of Minnesota). [Order This Item](#)



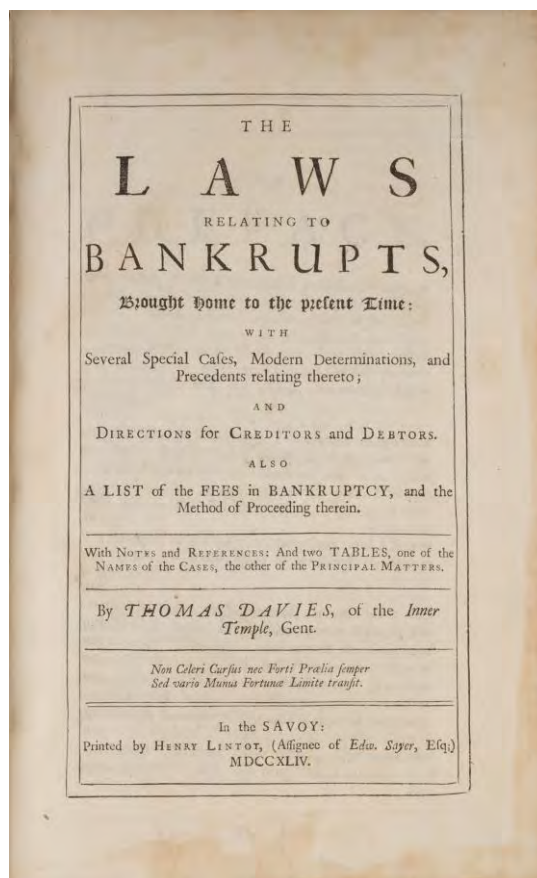
Inscribed by Darrow

15. Darrow, Clarence [1857-1938].

Crime: Its Cause and Treatment. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Company Publishers, 1922. x, 292 pp.

Original cloth, gilt title to spine and front board. Light rubbing to spine ends and corners, which are lightly bumped, moderate toning to interior, inscribed "Hon Jos I Ellmann-/ with the regards of/ Clarence Darrow/ Aug 14th 1924" to front free endpaper. \$1,250.

* First edition. This sociological study of crime, punishment and humanity is the source of Darrow's famous statement: "You might as well hang a man because he is ill as because he is a criminal." Hunsberger, *Clarence Darrow: A Bibliography* 144. [Order This Item](#)



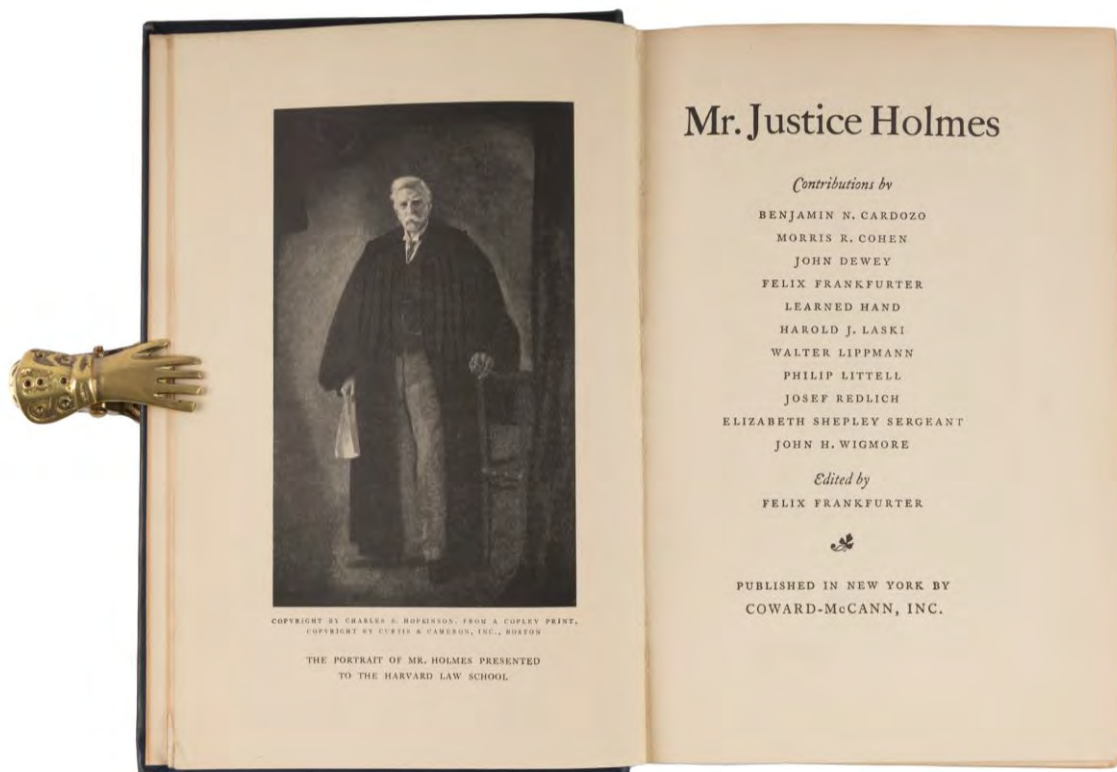
**Early English Treatise on Bankruptcy that
Summarizes About Fifty Cases Not Reported Elsewhere**

16. Davies, Thomas.

The Laws Relating to Bankrupts, Brought Home to the Present Time: With Several Special Cases, Modern Determinations, and Precedents Relating Thereto; and Directions for Creditors and Debtors. Also A List of the Fees in Bankruptcy, and the Method of Proceeding Therein. With Notes and References: And Two Tables, One of the Names of the Cases, The Other of the Principal Matters. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, 1744. xii, 470, [28], 515-522, [2], 523-550 pp. Pagination irregular, text complete. Folio (12-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary calf, blind frames to boards, blind fillets along joints, raised bands and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges. Light rubbing and a few minor nicks and scuffs to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, minor chipping to spine ends, joints starting at ends, corners worn, hinges cracked, faint early owner signature in pencil to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to text, offsetting to margins of endleaves, title page and final leaf of text. \$1,250.

* Only edition (and the only early work on the English law of bankruptcy printed as a folio). Featuring copious marginal notes, sample forms and accounts of several cases, this volume was conceived as an attorney's handbook. As Davies states in the preface, "I hope it will be of some service, and in several instances be like a land mark to the doubtful mariner, and prevent [him] from splitting upon the rocks, or running ashore upon the sands of mistake and uncertainty." Beginning with a basic definition, Davies describes the various types of bankruptcy, the conditions under which people are entitled to declare bankruptcy, court procedures, and specific problems, such as the rights due to wives and children. Sweet & Maxwell notes that this volume summarizes about fifty cases not reported elsewhere. Sweet & Maxwell, *A Legal Bibliography of the British Commonwealth* 1:541. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T118298. [Order This Item](#)



To the dear Whiteheads.
Felix

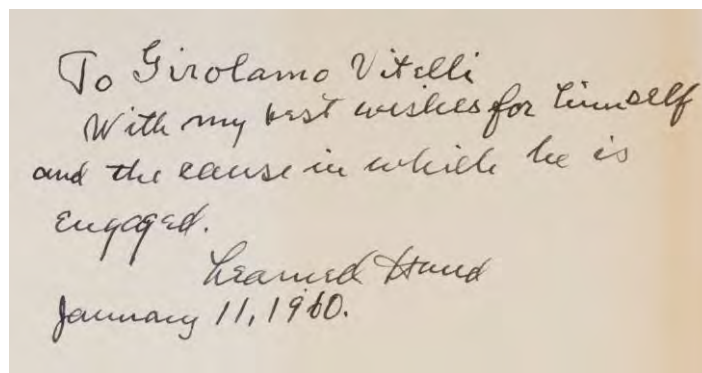
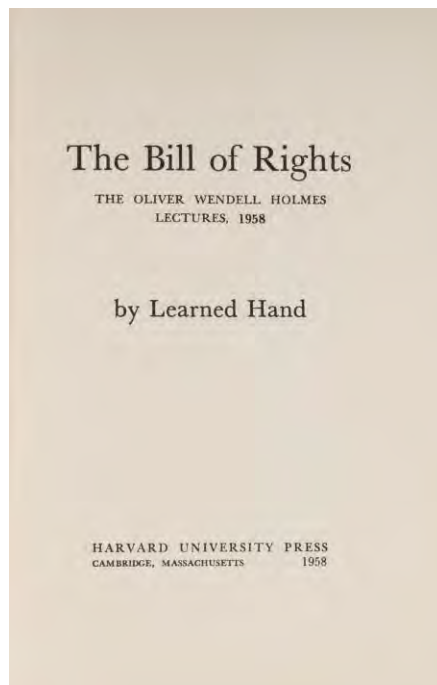
**Warmly Inscribed by Frankfurter to
Alfred North Whitehead and His Wife**

17. Frankfurter, Felix [1882-1965].

Mr. Justice Holmes and The Supreme Court. New York: Coward-McCann, Inc., [1931]. [x], 241 pp. Portrait frontispiece of Holmes.

Original cloth, gilt titles to front board and spine. Light rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, moderate toning to text, presentation inscription from Frankfurter to Alfred North and Evelyn Whitehead to front free endpaper. \$1,250.

* First edition. The inscription reads: "To the Whiteheads/ Felix". *Mr. Justice Holmes* is Frankfurter's finest statements of his admiration for Holmes. This and other books did much to establish Holmes's posthumous reputation. Alfred North Whitehead [1861-1947] was one of the leading mathematicians and philosophers of the 20th century and a member of the Harvard faculty from 1924 to 1937. He and his wife were part of Frankfurter's social circle at Harvard, along with such faculty luminaries as Josef Schumpeter and Arthur Schlesinger, Sr. [Order This Item](#)



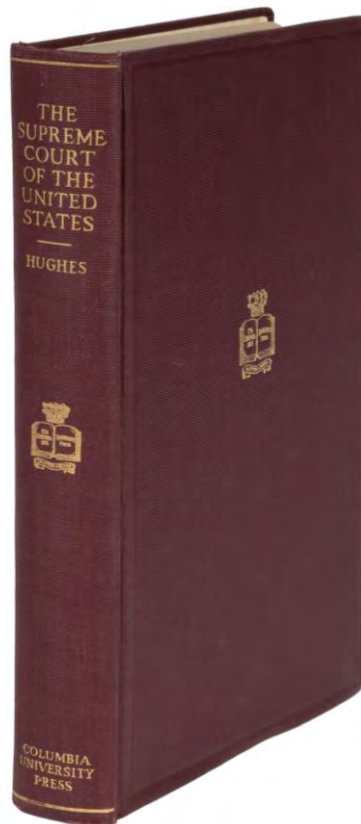
Inscribed by Learned Hand to a Distinguished Italian Diplomat

18. Hand, Learned [1872-1961].

The Bill of Rights. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1958. v, 82 pp.

Original lightly edgeworn cloth, light oxidation to gilt spine title, in lightly soiled and moderately edgeworn price-clipped dust jacket with a few short tears to front panel, light toning to text. Presentation inscription from Hand to Girolamo Vitelli to verso of front free endpaper. \$750.

* First edition. The published version of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Lectures delivered at Harvard University in 1958, this influential book discusses the propriety of judicial efforts to expand the scope of the first ten amendments. One of the most significant American jurists of the twentieth century, Hand was a judge of the U.S. Southern District of New York from 1904-1924 and a judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, from 1924 to 1956. His judgments were renowned for their lucidity and elegance. Vitelli [1911-1995] was a distinguished Italian diplomat. When this book was inscribed he was president of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, a UN agency that supervised decolonization from 1945 to 1994. The inscription reads: "To Girolamo Vitelli/ With my best wishes for himself/ and the cause in which he is/ engaged/ Learned Hand/ January 11, 1960." [Order This Item](#)



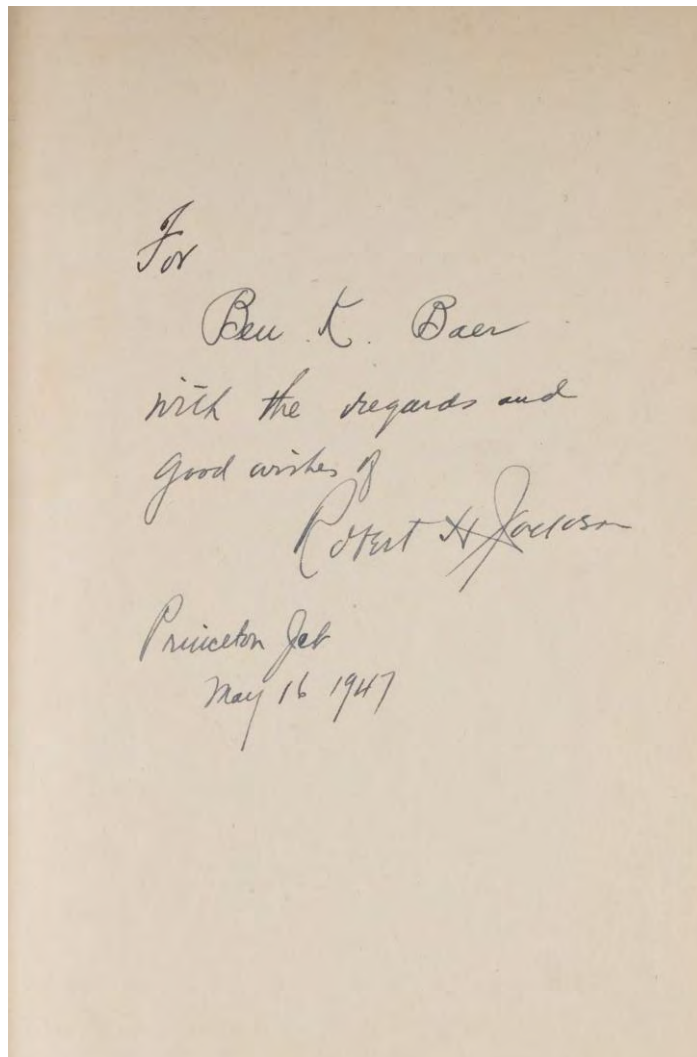
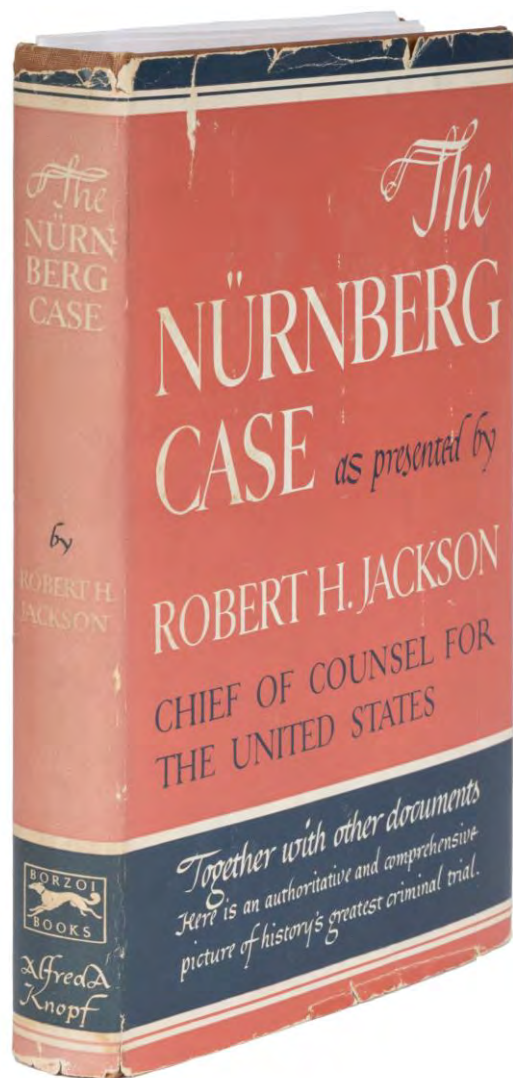
Inscribed by Chief Justice Hughes

19. Hughes, Charles Evans [1862-1948].

The Supreme Court of the United States: Its Foundation, Methods and Achievements: An Interpretation. New York: Columbia University Press, 1928. vii, 269 pp.

Original near-fine cloth, light toning to interior, inscribed "Charles E. Hughes/ June 9, 1928" in bold hand to front free endpaper. \$750.

* First edition. An important figure in law and politics, Hughes was Governor of New York, Secretary of State in the Harding administration and both an Associate and Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. According to Kenneth Carr, this study is a "valuable and remarkably frank exposition of the work of the Supreme Court by a great judge. Very readable." Carr, *The Supreme Court and Judicial Review* 295. [Order This Item](#)



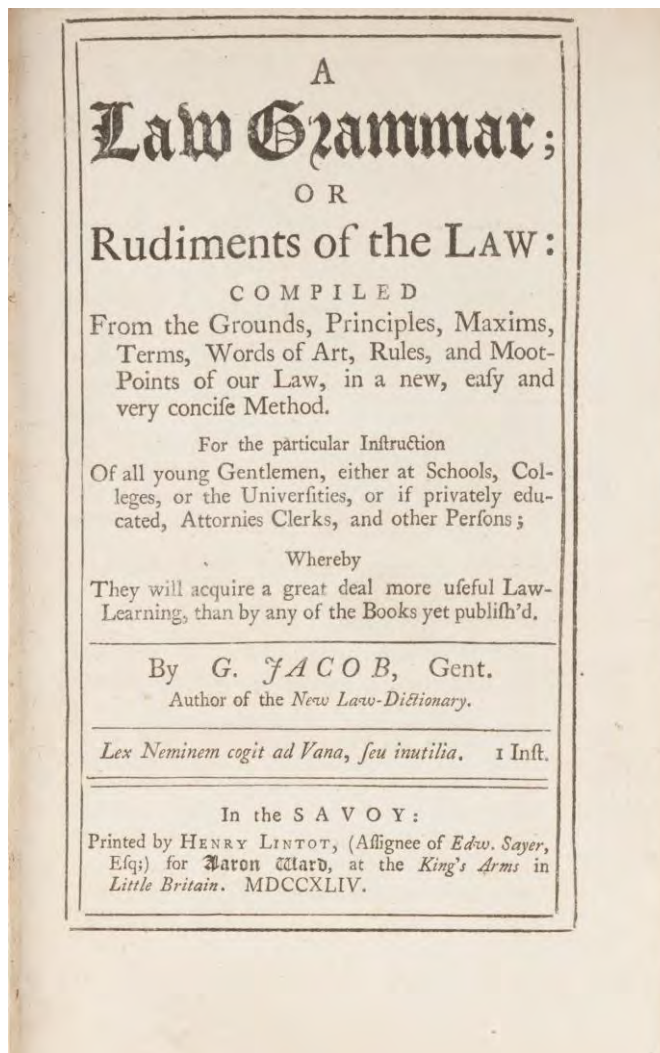
Inscribed by Justice Jackson

20. Jackson, Robert H. [1892-1954].

The Nürnberg Case as Presented by Robert H. Jackson, Chief of Counsel for the United States. Together with Other Documents. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1947. xviii, 269 pp. Frontispiece. Plates.

Cloth with negligible light rubbing to extremities in moderately edgeworn, lightly soiled dust jacket with a few short tears to edges, light toning to interior, owner bookplate of Ben K. Baer to front pastedown, inscription from Jackson to Baer to front free endpaper. \$850.

* First edition. The inscription reads: "For/ Ben K. Baer/ with the regards and/ good wishes of/ Robert H Jackson/ Princeton Jct/ May 16 1947". This book is drawn from the preliminary and final reports presented to President Truman, which were written on June 7, 1945 and October 7, 1946. The "other documents" are Jackson's opening and closing speeches and a speech on the legality of indicting Nazi organizations as criminal. Baer [1926-1999] was the president of Princeton University's Pre-Law Society. He invited Jackson to speak to the Society about the Nuremberg Trials. Jackson inscribed the book during his visit, most likely at the Princeton Junction train station. See Barrett, "Quick Trip to Princeton (1947)," *The Jackson List*, <https://thejacksonlist.com>. [Order This Item](#)



"Rudiments of the Law"

21. Jacob, Giles [1686-1744].

A Law Grammar; Or Rudiments of the Law: Compiled From The Grounds, Principles, Maxims, Terms, Words of Art, Rules, And Moot Points of Our Law, In a New, Easy, And Very Concise Method. For the Particular Instruction of Young Gentlemen, Either at Schools, Colleges, Or the Universities, Or if Privately Educated, Attornies Clerks, And Other Persons; Whereby They Will Acquire a Great Deal More Useful Law-Learning Than by Any of the Books yet Publish'd. [London]: Printed by Henry Lintot, (Assignee of Edw. Sayer, Esq;) for Aaron Ward, 1744. [ii], iv, 138, [6] pp. Publisher advertisement facing title page. 12mo. (6-1/2" x 4").

Contemporary plain flexible calf with yapp edges, raised bands and traces of lettering piece to spine, untrimmed edges. Light rubbing and some faint inkspots, a few short tears and minor wear to edges, pastedowns starting to detach, but secure. Light toning to text, slightly heavier in places, light soiling to endleaves. \$850.

* First edition. This terse but wide-ranging compendium went through 11 more editions by 1792. Typical of Jacob's work, it was aimed at a broad spectrum of readers. Jacob, though certainly interested in boosting sales by attracting the widest audience possible, was an idealist who believed that widespread knowledge of the law would help create a more just society. This is also evident in his other publications, such as *A Treatise of Laws* (1721), *The Common Law Common-Placed* (1726) and *Every Man His Own Lawyer* (1736). *English Short-Title Catalogue* N10270. [Order This Item](#)



Dutch Edition of a Classic English Treatise on Maritime Law

22. [Justice, Alexander].

Le Clercq, Pieter [1692-1759], Translator.

Algemeene Verhandeling van de Heerschappy der Zee: En een Compleet Lichaam van de Zee-rRechten: Vervattende al het weetenswaardigste dat over dit Stuk te Vinden Is, In Oude en Nieuwver Schryvers, En Elyzondehyk de Oude Rechten der Rhodiërs en Romeinen; Die van Oleron, Wisbui, De Hanse Steden, Keizer Karel, En Koning Philips Den Ilden, En Andere, Met Keurige Aantekeningen en Aanmerkingen.... Waar by Komt een Aanhangsel Rakende den Tegenwoordigen Staat en Reglementen van de Admiraliteit en Scheepsmagt van England, Gevolgd van een Vollediger Nieuw Aanhangsel Raakende het Zelfde Onderwerp, Met eene Vergeelykinge van het Gedrag der Franschen en Engelschen in Zee-Zaaken; Eene Proeve Rakende de Scheepsmagt der Engelschen, Getrokken uit Authentieke Gedenkschriften, Uittreksels van Alle Acten van het Parlement, De Marine Raakende, Inzonderheid die tot Instellinge van Artikelen en Orders tot Reglement en Beter Bestier de Vloot, Enz. Amsterdam: By Dirk Onder de Linden, 1757. viii, 947 pp. Folding copperplate table of naval flags. Quarto (9-3/4" x 7-3/4").

Contemporary paneled vellum, large central arabesques to boards, raised bands and early hand-lettered title to spine. Light soiling, boards slightly bowed, small inkspot to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at ends, spine ends lightly bumped, corners bumped and somewhat worn, illegible recent owner signature to front free endpaper. Title page printed in red and black. Moderate toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light browning to margins, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,500.

* Only Dutch edition, with additions. First published in 1705, this important and long-lived English work includes a well-documented history of maritime law, texts of the most important codes and a collection of treaties. It also contains translations of the Rhodian Sea Laws, those of the Hanse towns, Oleron and Wisbuy and Estienne Cleirac's *Us et Coutumes de la Mer*. Le Clercq's translation includes original content concerning Holland's maritime trade. OCLC locates 4 copies in North America (Brigham Young, Social Law, University of Minnesota, University of Virginia Law School). Dekkers, *Bibliotheca Belgica Juridica* 37. [Order This Item](#)



"Blot it Out"

23. [Lawyer Advertising].

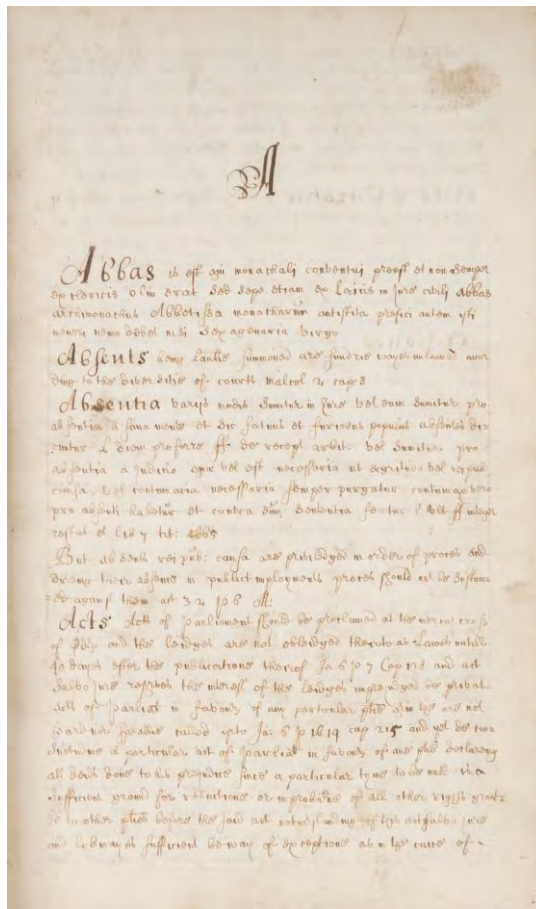
[African-Americans].

[Lewis, Joseph Vance (1863-1925)].

[*Ink Blotter Advertising the Autobiography and Law Practice of Joseph Vance Lewis*]. "Compliments of J. Vance Lewis, Attorney. 200 West 145th Street, New York. Phone Audubon 1895." c.1910.

8" x 3-3/4", portrait illustration and text to recto, blotter to verso. Light soiling and toning, diagonal crease through center, ink stains near portrait and verso. \$750.

* Born into slavery, Lewis became one of the first African-American lawyers in the United States. He established a thriving law practice in Houston, where he became the first black lawyer to successfully defend an African-American accused of murder. In 1910 he published an uplifting autobiography titled *Out of the Ditch: A True Story of an Ex-Slave*. This advertising blotter promotes his book, his practice and his message of African-American self-determination. Cast in the form of a first-person confession titled *Race Absorption*, the text lists the "sins" of the African-American man. Each is answered with "Blot it out." These sins include: "I have failed to educate my children, because others have said that education will not benefit a Negro," "I have failed to bank my money in a Negro Banking Institution," "I have failed to buy land and to build a home for my wife and children" and "I have never bought the book "Out of the Ditch" written by a Negro." The poem ends by encouraging the recipient to "consult Attorney J. Vance Lewis who will aid me in blotting out my many sins." The address on this blotter is a mystery. It lists an address in Harlem, but it does not appear that Lewis ever practiced in New York. [Order This Item](#)



Seventeenth-Century Manuscript Law Dictionary Compiled by a Scottish Nobleman

24. [Manuscript].

Wallace, Sir Thomas, Of Craigie [1665-1728], Attributed.

Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie, His Repertory. Craigie, South Ayrshire, Scotland?, c.1685-1700. [408] pp. Folio (11-1/2" x 7-1/4").

Contemporary calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine. Heavily rubbed, front board detached, upper third of spine lacking, later armorial book of "John Borthwick, Crookston" to front free endpaper, illegible later owner signature (La Coupere?) to front free endpaper. Light toning to text, occasional faint spotting to margins, light soiling to endleaves and a few text leaves. Text, mostly in Latin, in small neat hand, "Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie, His Repertory" in different hand from the eighteenth-century to front free endpaper. \$5,000.

* Containing terms arranged alphabetically from "Abbas" to "Usus," this manuscript was probably compiled by Wallace during the late-1680s, the time when he was a law student or in the early stages of his career (see below). The text is neatly arranged and has very few corrections, which suggests it was compiled from notes and other sources. Each definition has references to statutes. The entries vary in length, but all are detailed. Some are several paragraphs long. A carefully crafted work, it must have been a valuable reference tool. Wallace, 3rd Baronet Wallace of Craigie, was member of a distinguished Scottish noble family. He qualified as an advocate in 1687 and took his oath of allegiance to qualify for practice at the Bar in 1704. This manuscript was owned by another Scottish noble. "John Borthwick" is probably John Borthwick [1701-1743], 10th Lord of Crookston, who was also an advocate. Wallace: Cokayne, *Complete Baronetage* IV:277; Borthwick: <https://www.clanborthwick.com/lineage19.htm>. [Order This Item](#)



**An Important Sixteenth-Century Law Dictionary
Bound with a Commentary on Roman Legal Maxims**

25. Nebrija, Antonio de [c.1444-1522]

Jamet, François, Editor.

Lexicon Iuris Civilis. Antonio Nebrissensi Viro non Vulgariter Erudito Autore. Ipsiusque; Infinitis Propemodum Mendis Bona Fide Emaculatum, Scholiis Passim in Marginibus Illustris, & Quàm Ante hac Locupletius Factum, Francisci Iameti Iurisconsulti, Singulari Dilige[n]tia: Non Minus Melioru[m] Literarum Studiosis, Quàm Iuris Civilis Ca[n]didatis Utile. Ad Senatum Parisiensem. Paris: Apud Audouenum Paruum, 1549. [8], 304 pp.

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Jamet, François.

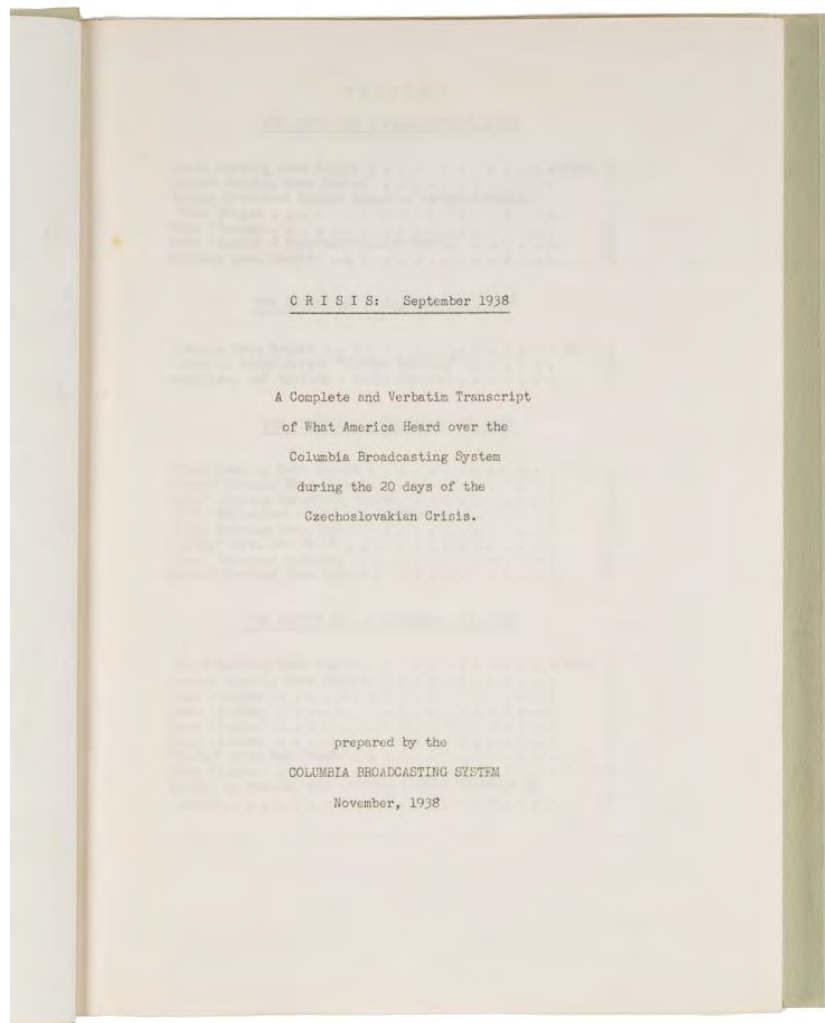
Commentarius in Xliiii. Leges sub Tit. De Regul. Iur. Pandect. Ad Clariss. Praesidem P. Lysetum. Paris: Apud Audouenum Paruum, 1549. 54 pp. Lacking final leaf, a blank.

Octavo (6-3/4" x 4-1/2"). Contemporary limp vellum, early hand-lettered title to spine, fragments of thong ties to fore-edges. A few minor nicks and spots to covers, light soiling to spine, front pastedown loose, rear pastedown and endleaves lacking. Moderate toning, light foxing to margins in a few places, small worm-holes to upper corners of the last two leaves of *Commentarius*, far from text. A handsome volume. \$2,500.

* *Lexicon*: later edition; *Commentarius*: only edition. A work of great authority, this popular dictionary was first published in 1506 as part of a collection of Nebrija's legal writings. It went through more than twenty-five editions, with several variations in content, during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. It is a humanistic work grounded in philology and historical commentary. Nebrija was an important Spanish scholar and educator. Educated at the universities of Salamanca and Bologna, he read widely in law, medicine and theology. His philological work, which included the first Spanish grammar and dictionary, led to the standardization of the language. In 1502 he was a member of a group of scholars gathered by Cardinal Ximenes de Cisneros at Alcalá to produce the Complutensian Polyglot Bible.

This edition, the first edited by Jamet, also includes an excerpt from Nebrija's *Observationibus in Libros Iuris Civilis*, a commentary on Accursius's glosses on Justinian. The second work is a commentary by Jamet on parts of the *Regulae Iuris*, a collection of legal maxims in Justinian's *Digest*. OCLC locates 3 copies of *Lexicon* in North America (Notre Dame, University of Illinois, Washington University). All of these are bound with *Commentarius*, which suggests the two books were often issued together. Pettegree, *Books Published in France Before 1601 in Latin and Languages Other than French* 80574,

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**An Hour-By-Hour Record
of an Opening Event of World War II**

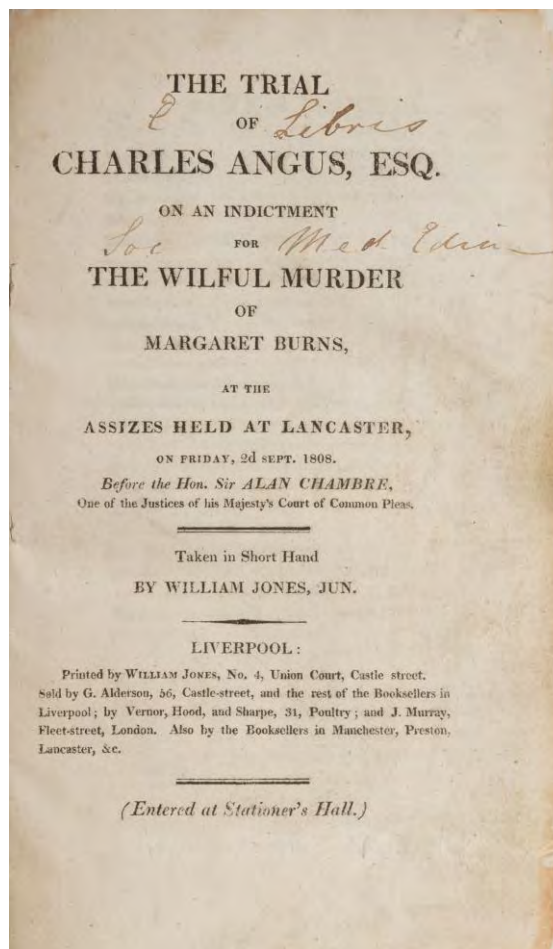
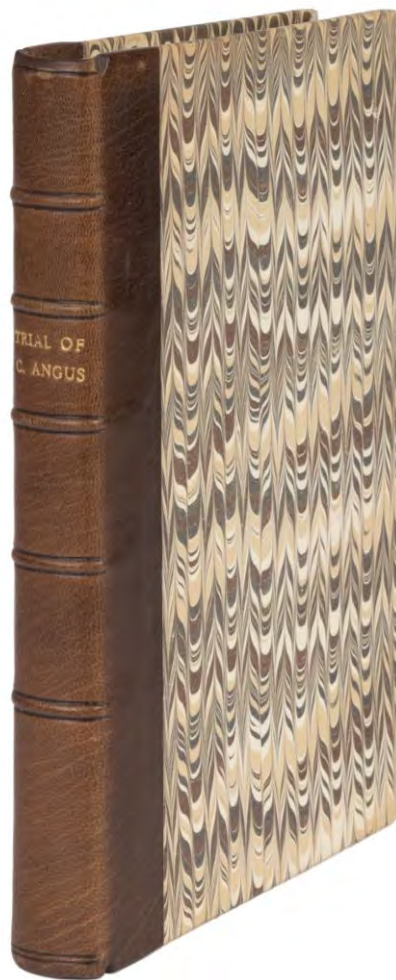
26. [Sudeten Crisis].

Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.

Crisis: September, 1938. A Complete and Verbatim Transcript of what America Heard Over the Columbia Broadcasting System During the 20 Days of the Czechoslovakian Crisis. [New York]: Prepared by the Columbia Broadcasting System, 1938. Ten volumes. Complete.

11" x 8-1/2" wraparound stiff-paper printed folders, each housing about 75 single-sided mimeographed typescript leaves, all with tables of contents. Moderate shelfwear, some minor tears, chips and stains, light toning to interiors. Folders housed in two moderately worn and soiled paper-covered slipcases, owner bookplates to spines. \$750.

* First printing. A remarkable document, these volumes provide an hour-by-hour record of CBS's coverage of the days that culminated in the Munich Agreement and Hitler's annexation of the Sudeten region of Czechoslovakia. It includes news reports, news flashes, new programs and transcripts of speeches by Hitler and other leaders. The reporters include Edward R. Murrow, H.V. Kaltenborn, Bob Trout and William L. Shirer. [Order This Item](#)



Scarce Trial Involving Poison, Abortion and Murder

27. [Trial].

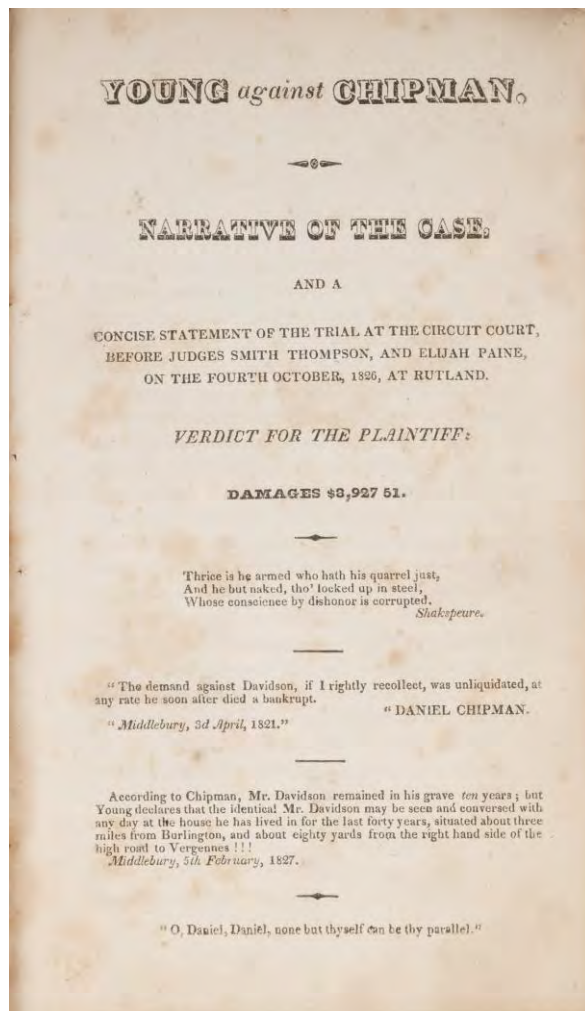
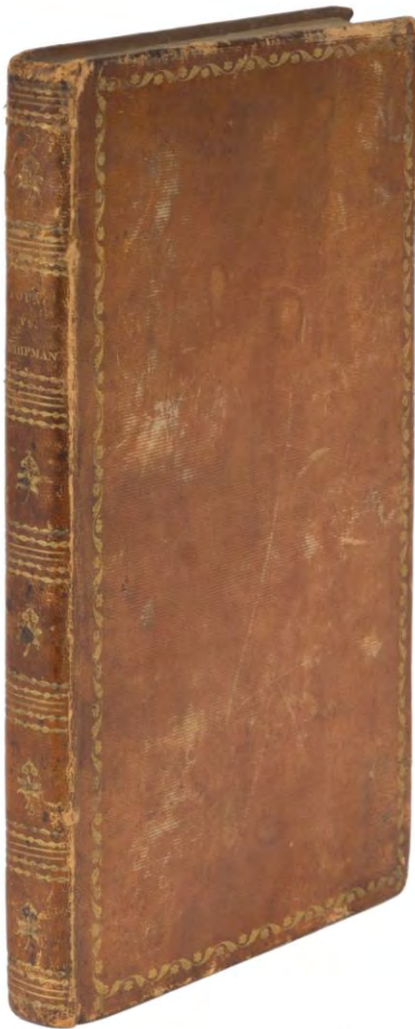
Angus, Charles, Defendant.

Jones, William, Jr., Reporter.

The Trial of Charles Angus, Esq., On an Indictment for the Wilful Murder of Margaret Burns, At the Assizes Held at Lancaster, On Friday, 2d Sept. 1808. Before the Hon. Sir Alan Chambre, One of the Justices of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas. Taken in Short Hand. Liverpool: Printed by William Jones, [1808]. [iv], 288 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

Recent period-style quarter calf over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Moderate toning to text, occasional light soiling, early owner inscription (of a private library) to title page. \$950.

* Only edition. This trial was one of the first to feature forensic medical testimony. Angus was charged with Murder after assisting his lover, Margaret Burns with an abortion. They used "corrosive sublimate of Mercury," which killed the fetus, and Margaret. Angus was acquitted after a trial rich in lurid detail. (For example, the acid burned a large hole through her abdomen.) The publisher, who also recorded the trial in shorthand, clearly hoped to profit from the scandalous nature of the trial. Whatever commercial success this publication may have had, it is an interesting trial that tells us much about the status of women in northern Britain in the early nineteenth century. OCLC locates 6 copies in North American law libraries (Library of Congress, LA County Law Library, Social Law, University of Minnesota, University of Virginia, Yale, York University). [Order This Item](#)



1827 Malpractice Case Against a Prominent Vermont Politician

28. [Trial].

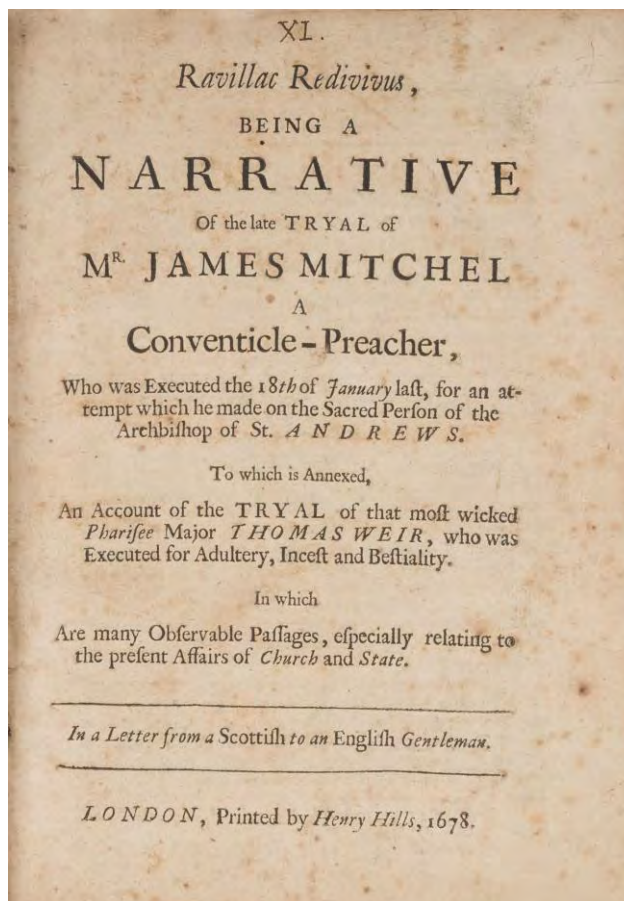
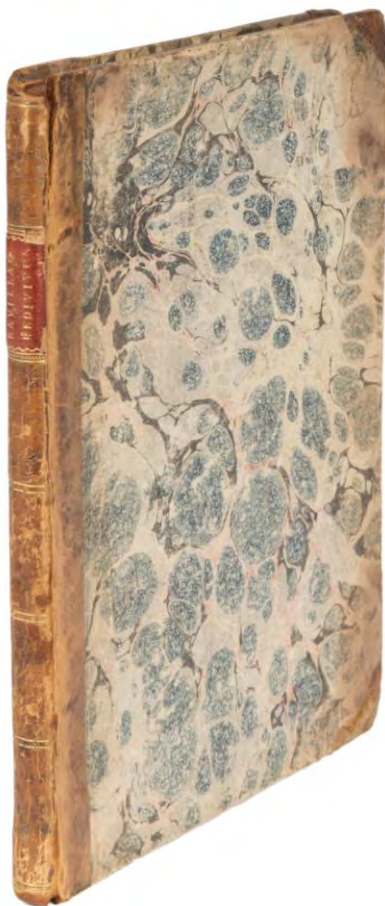
Young, Alexander [1807-1827].

Chipman, Daniel [1765-1850], Defendant.

Young Against Chipman. Narrative of the Case and a Concise Statement of the Trial at the Circuit Court, Before Judges Smith Thompson and Elijah Paine, On the Fourth October, 1826, At Rutland. Verdict for the Plaintiff, Damages \$8,927.51. [Vergennes, VT: Published by the Plaintiff, 1827]. 176 pp. Octavo (8" x 4-3/4")

Contemporary calf, blind fillets to boards, gilt fillets, ornaments and title to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, marbled endpapers. Light rubbing to boards, three glue-spots to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities. Moderate toning and light foxing to text, owner signatures (of C. Harper, George A. Drew and John J. Drew) to front endleaf, inkstamp (of John J. Drew) to a few leaves, corrections in contemporary hand to a few passages in text. \$750.

* Only edition. "The defendant, a lawyer and agent for the plaintiff, was sued for misappropriating funds collected against the plaintiff. Young, resentful that the press had not reported his proceedings against Chipman, a prominent Vermont politician, here provides his own account" (Cohen). OCLC locates 8 copies, 1 in a law library (Notre Dame). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 11561. [Order This Item](#)



Religious Dissent and Sexual Deviancy in 17th-Century Scotland

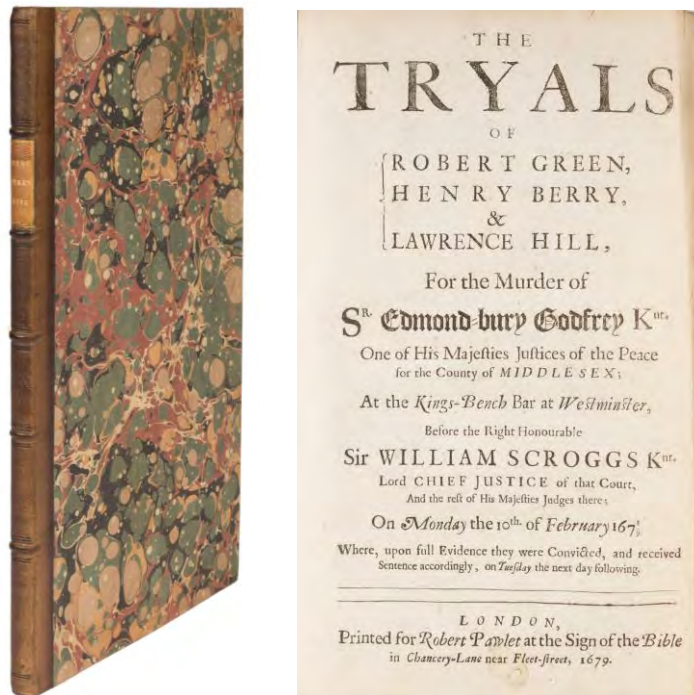
29. [Trials].

[Hickes, George (1642-1715)].

Ravillac Redivivus, Being a Narrative of the Late Tryal of Mr. James Mitchel a Conventicle-Preacher, Who was Executed the 18th of January, last, for an Attempt Which he Made on the Sacred Person of the Arch-Bishop of St. Andrews. To Which is Annexed, An Account of the Tryal of that Most Wicked Pharisee Major Thomas Weir, Who Was Executed for Adultery, Incest and Bestiality. In Which are Many Observable Passages, Especially Relating to the Church and State. In a Letter from a Scottish to an English Gentleman. London: Printed for Henry Hills, 1678. 78, [2] pp. Last leaf is a blank. Quarto. (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Eighteenth-century three-quarter calf over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to boards. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front joint and hinge starting at head. Moderate toning and occasional faint dampspotting, light soiling to title page, "XI" in small early hand to its upper margin. \$1,250.

* First edition. Hickes was a bishop of the nonjuring Church of England in Scotland. A work on propaganda commissioned by his superior in Scotland, John Maitland, Duke of Lauderdale, *Ravillac Redivivus*, first published in 1678, is an account of the trial of the Scots-nationalist Presbyterian (Covenanter) James Mitchell [d.1678] for an attempt to assassinate James Sharpe, the archbishop of St Andrews. Hickes linked Mitchell's story to that of the notorious covenanter Major Thomas Weir [c. 1600-1670], a suspected sorcerer who was executed for bestiality and incest in 1670, in order to demonstrate that fanatical dissenters violated the boundaries of moral law and were capable of committing the most outrageous crimes in the name of religion. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R19059. [Order This Item](#)



Victims of the Popish Plot of 1678

30. [Trials].

[Popish Plot].

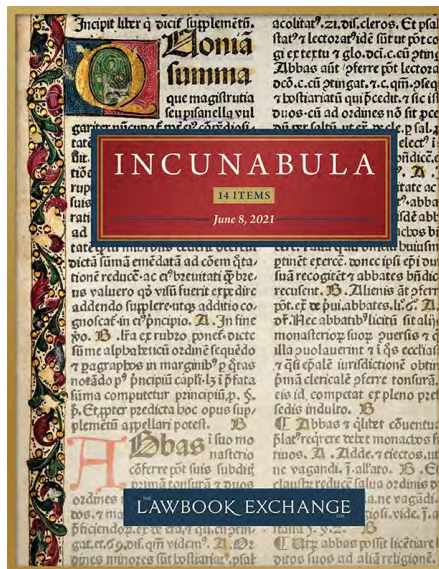
[Green, Robert (d.1679), Henry Berry (d.1679) and Lawrence Hill (d.1679)], Defendants.

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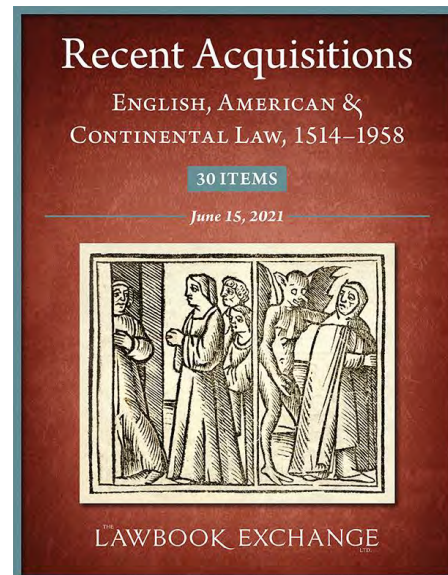
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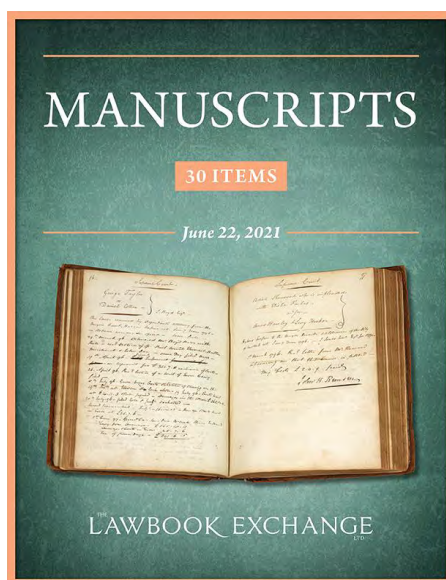
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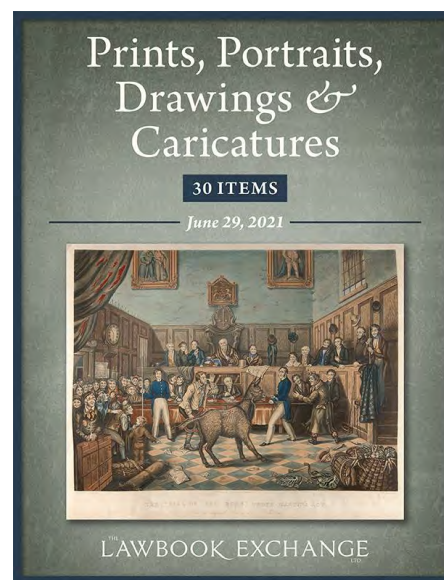
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